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Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

## Waiver of Hearing

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board") was requested February 17, 2004, in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby waive attendance at this hearing, and respectfully request that the Board make its decision based on the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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